

R. I. COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

**REGULATIONS RELATING TO VEHICLE USE ON
BARRIER BEACHES**

1. Vehicles are prohibited on dunes or within 75 feet of the dune crest except on trails marked expressly for vehicle use. Prohibited areas may or may not be vegetated.
2. Vehicles are prohibited in vegetated areas anywhere on the barrier beach.
3. Vehicle access to the Salt Pond is prohibited. Access to the pond shall be by foot only.
4. Vehicle access to the beach shall only be through authorized trails.
5. Vehicular use of beaches where not otherwise prohibited or restricted by property owners or by private or public management programs is permitted only under the following conditions:
 - a). Motorcycles, minibikes, snowmobiles, all-terrain motorized cycles and tricycles are prohibited except for authorized management-related vehicles.
 - b). A Coastal Resources Management Council annually renewable use permit is required for all vehicles. Such permits are obtained for a fee from the Division of Enforcement of the Department of Environmental Management subject to the following requirements and conditions. In the event these requirements and conditions are not met, the use of the permit shall be subject to revocation by the Council or its agents.
 - (1) Vehicles shall have all documentation and registration necessary for operation on the public highways of this state.
 - (2) All permit applicants shall exhibit proof of current insurance coverage.
 - (3) All persons operating said vehicles shall have valid operator licenses.
 - (4) Maximum speed on all beaches shall not exceed 10 mph. Maximum speed on beaches shall not exceed 5 mph when approaching pedestrians.
 - (5) Ruts or holes caused by vehicles shall be filled and debris removed.
 - (6) Headlights shall be used by all vehicles while in motion between sunset and sunrise.
 - (7) Riding on or driving from any position outside the vehicles is prohibited.
 - (8) Vehicles are prohibited on swimming beaches during the period they are protected by lifeguards and in operation.
 - (9) Vehicles shall be at all times subject to town ordinances and all regulations restricting the use of private, state, or federal properties.

6. The Council requires, for the operator's safety and benefit, that every vehicle operated on a beach carry the following equipment (in good working order):
- (a) shovel (heavy-duty or military entrenching tool):
 - (b) tow rope or chain (15 feet, load strength of 1,800 lbs., chain size 5/16")
 - (c) jack and support stand (minimum 18" x 18" x 5/8", plywood);
 - (d) street legal tires (4-ply tread, 2-ply sidewalls) - snow or mud tires are not recommended;
 - (e) spare tire
 - (f) low-pressure tire gage (0-20 lbs)
 - (g) first aid kit
 - (h) fire extinguisher (approved by Coast Guard or Interstate Commerce Commission)
 - (i) appropriate emergency signal devices and/or two way radio
 - (j) flashlight.

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